of equimolar solutions of adamantanone and Eu(fod)₃ in CDCl₃ and used the Bouquant-Chuche equation to calculate both.⁸ Reasonable agreement with known atmosphere pressure data was obtained;⁹ our results are shown in Figure 1. Assuming a linear relation between ln K and P, we have calculated the reaction volume $\Delta V_{ass.}^{\circ} = -RT \partial \ln K/\partial p$ to be $+8 \pm 2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at 21 °C. At the same time, the bound shift of H_{α} is reduced by 100 MPa from 13.1 to 11.6 and that of H_{$\beta/syn} from 6.6 to 5.5$. In the free ligand, the resonances appear at $\delta_{\alpha} = 2.50$ and $\delta_{\beta} = 2.00$ ppm;¹⁰ hence these reductions amount to 15–20%. Evidently, *both* the equilibrium concentration and the bound shift of the complex decline as the pressure is raised. Both of these effects are almost unique.</sub>

One possible explanation is that the metal-fod bonds may be lengthened somewhat as room is made for the additional ligand (Figure 2). The volume increase resulting from such lengthening by Δr would to a first approximation equal the volume of a spherical shell of radius r_{av} (=¹/₂ ($r_0 + r_i$)) and thickness Δr ; i.e., $4\pi\Delta rr_{\rm av}^2$. In other words, it is proportional to the square of the radius. With small ligands and first-series transition-metal ions, this contribution to the volume change should therefore be modest; there is no reason to suppose that it compromises the many solvent exchange studies under pressure that have been reported, for example. But in the present case, even if half of the adamantanone molecule is buried in the coordination sphere, an increase of just 0.1 Å in the Eu-O distances would be enough to negate the hoped-for contraction.¹¹ X-ray data show that ionic radii do indeed increase by small amounts upon expansion of the number of ligands in the coordination sphere of virtually all monatomic cations.12

Alternatively, it is conceivable that these reactions have some feature unsuspected heretofore, in spite of the highly refined analyses that have been made of the shifts observed. Thus, if a substantial fraction of the uncomplexed shift reagent were in an oligomeric form, this could in principle also account for our observations.¹³ Still another possibility is that $Eu(fod)_3$ in the absence of any other base in chloroform is strongly bound to the solvent, though evidence for such binding has been vainly sought by Raber.¹⁴ Finally, pressure-induced geometric changes in the shift reagent itself¹⁵ or in the solvent surrounding it¹⁶ can also not be ruled out.

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Metallocene Antitumor Agents. Unusual $Mo(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2Cl_2$ Nucleotide/Nucleobase Aqueous Coordination Chemistry

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The complexes Cp_2MX_2 (M = Ti, V, Mo; X = halide or pseudohalide) exhibit antineoplastic activity against a wide spectrum of murine and human tumors,^{1,2} with the key cellular target proposed to be DNA.^{1,3} We have previously shown⁴ that in aqueous solution near physiological pH, Cp_2TiCl_2 and Cp_2VCl_2 suffer more rapid and extensive chloride aquation than does *cis*-Pt(NH₃)₂Cl₂ (cisplatin)⁵ and that the Ti-C₅H₅ ligation is hydrolytically unstable. In contrast to cisplatin, the binding of $Cp_2VCl_{2(aq)}$ to nucleotides is labile on the NMR time scale and predominantly phosphate-centered,⁶ with minimal disruption of Watson-Crick base pairing.⁶ We now report that $Cp_2MoCl_{2(aq)}$ exhibits an unusual nucleotide/nucleobase coordination chemistry which differs significantly from that of the aforementioned titanium and vanadium complexes.

As indicated by techniques described elsewhere,⁴ Cp₂MoCl₂ (1) suffers more rapid ($t_{1/2} < 30$ min) and extensive (>98%) chloride aquation than does Cp₂TiCl₂ and Cp₂VCl₂. There is no detectable Mo-C₅H₅ protonolysis over a period of several weeks at pD 7.6. Titration of Na₂(5'-dAMP) (A) with 1 in D₂O at pD



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Figure 1. Titration of 5'-dAMP with Cp_2MoCl_2 in D_2O as monitored by 270 MHz ¹H and 109 MHz ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. Asterisks (*) represent signals of free d(AMP) and ref. = external ³¹P reference signal. Phosphoric acid is at -18.45 ppm relative to the ³¹P reference. (A) 0.25 equiv of Cp_2MoCl_2 , (B) 0.50 equiv of Cp_2MoCl_2 , and (C) 1.0 equiv H of Cp_2MoCl_2 .

7.6–7.8 reveals (Figure 1) an interaction which is *nonlabile* on the NMR time scale and ultimate formation of a 1:1 Cp₂Monucleotide complex **2**. Structurally diagnostic NMR spectral features of **2** in D₂O and in DMSO-*d*₆ (allowing observation of the N(6)H₂ signal) (Table I) include magnetically nonequivalent Cp ligands, an upfield shift of H8 implicating N7 coordination, ^{5,8a-d} the pD dependence of the H2 and H8 chemical shifts^{8e} as well as the ribose ¹H coupling constants (verified by decoupling experiments) indicative of a major increase (~20% -> ~50%) in the N(2'-exo-3'-endo) conformational population (³*J*_{1'2'} = 4.6, ³*J*_{2'3'} = 6.1, ³*J*_{2'3'} = 6.3, *J*_{2'2''} = 14.1 Hz).^{9,10} The 34-ppm

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The reaction of 1 with 9-methyladenine (9-MeAd) at pH 7.5 followed by evaporation and addition of $NH_4^+PF_6^-$ yields two $Cp_2Mo(9-MeAd^-)^+PF_6^-$ isomers (3, ~90%; 4, ~10%) which can

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Figure 2. Two perspective views of the molecular structure of $Cp_2Mo-(9-methyladenyl)^+PF_6^-(3)$ showing the cationic portion. Important bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) are as follows: Mo-N(1) = 2.173 (3), Mo-N(6) = 2.145 (3), C(6)-N(1) = 1.382 (5), C(6)-N(6) = 1.314 (5), Mo-ring centroid = 2.005 (5) (av), N(1)-Mo-N(6) = 60.9, N(6)-C-(6)-N(1) = 108.5 (3), ring centroid-Mo-ring centroid = 128.9 (2), Mo-N(6)-C(6) = 97.0 (2), Mo-N(1)-C(6) = 93.5 (2).

be separated by fractional crystallization.¹⁴ Complex 3 can be quantitatively converted to 4 by heating at 80 °C, suggesting that 3 is the kinetic product. ¹H NMR spectral parameters (Table I)¹⁵ indicate N(6)H₂ deprotonation and HN6⁻,N1 and HN6⁻,N7 chelation in 3 and 4, respectively. Diffraction results on 3¹⁶ confirm this unusual chelation mode (Figure 2). While the Cp₂Mo portion of 3 is unexceptional,¹⁷ the four-membered chelate ring contains a highly acute (60.9 (1)°) N(1)-Mo-N(6) angle and short (vide infra) Mo-N(6) (2.145 (3) Å) and Mo-N(1) (2.173 (3) Å) distances. The N(6)-C(6)-N(1) angle has contracted 11° (toward Mo) from that in free 9-MeAd.¹⁸ These results can be compared with ∠O-Mo-N values of 74.1 (5)° and 73.4 (6)° in (Cp₂MoNH₂-CH₂COO)⁺Cl⁻ and (Cp₂MoNH-(CH₃)CH₂COO)⁺Cl⁻, respectively.^{16a} The corresponding Mo-N

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Table I. NMR Spectroscopic Data for Free Ligands and Molybdenum Complexes^a

compound	H2 ^d	H8 ^d	C ₅ H ₅ ^d	$N(6)H^d$	Р
5'-dAMP ^b	7.92 (1)	8.32 (1)			4.8
$\begin{array}{c} Cp_2 Mo(5'- \\ dAMP) \ (2)^b \end{array}$	7.97 (1)	8.11 (1)	5.31 (5)		38.0
			5.68 (5)		
5'-dAMP ^c	8.12 (1)	8.44 (1)		7.30 (2)	4.8
$Cp_2Mo(5'-dAMP)$ (2) ^c	8.13 (1)	8.30 (1)	5.76 (5)	7.26 (2)	42.0
			5.71 (5)		
9-methyladenine ^c	8.14 (1)	8.08 (1)		7.17 (2)	
$Cp_2Mo(9-MeAd^-)+PF_6^-(3)^c$	7.64 (1)	8.00 (1)	5.84 (10)	6.90 (1)	
$Cp_2Mo(9-MeAd^-)^+PF_6^-(4)^c$	8.16 (1)	8.32 (1)	5.88 (10)	6.46 (1)	

^{a1}H data vs TMS; ³¹P data vs 85% H₃PO₄. ^b In D₂O at pD \sim 7.4. ^c In DMSO-d₆. ^dNumber in parentheses denotes number of protons by integration.

respectively, and that in $[Cp_2MoNH_2CH(CH_2S)CO_2H]^+Cl^-$, 2.256 (7) Å.^{16a} The recent elucidation of 1-methylcytosine HN4⁻,N3-Pt(IV) coordination¹⁹ constitutes the only other diffractometric report of such a four-membered nucleobase chelate ring.

These results illustrate the considerable kinetic and architectural fine structure of Cp_2MX_2 -nucleobase/nucleotide complexation. Complementary studies with oligo- and polynucleotides are now in progress.

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Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structure of a Heterobimetallic Ethyl-Bridged Organoaluminum Complex: $(C_5Me_5)_2Sm(\mu-C_2H_5)_2Al(C_2H_5)_2^1$

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Since the discovery of Ziegler–Natta catalytic polymerization of alkenes,² the chemistry of organoaluminum complexes in association with other metallic species has been of great interest. Numerous heterobimetallic organoaluminum containing molecules have been synthesized, structurally characterized,^{3–6} and studied

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